

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 8-12 have been canceled. Claims 13-16, and amended claims 1, 5, 6, and 7 are in this application.

Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,543) in view of Minoura (U.S. Patent No. 6,323,883) and Proehl (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,589).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

". . . said schedule table forming means including means for enabling each said pictograph and/or text of each user event and information including a start time of each accepted broadcast program occurable within a respective month to be displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information, in which information of each non-accepted broadcast program is not displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information" (Emphasis added.)

Accordingly, in the apparatus of claim 1, one month of calendar information may be displayed on a single display screen which may include (i) each pictograph and/or text of each user event (which are not related to broadcast programs) and (ii) information including a start time of each accepted broadcast program. As is to be appreciated, if two or more exist in a given month, then the start times for each of such programs may be displayed on a single display screen. For example, if one accepted broadcast program was to be broadcasted on a Monday of a respective month and another accepted broadcast program was to be broadcasted two weeks later in the same respective month, the start times for both of these programs may appear on a single

screen of the apparatus of claim 1. Furthermore, in such situation, information of each non-accepted broadcast program is not displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information.

It is respectfully submitted that the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, and Proehl does not specifically disclose the above-identified feature of claim 1. For example, none of Fig. 6 of Wehmeyer, Fig. 6 of Minoura, and Fig. 9 of Proehi appears to disclose the above-identified feature of claim 1.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 5, 6, and 7 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, and Proehi.

Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer in view of Minoura and Proehl as applied to claim 1, 5, 6, and 7 above, and further in view of Kahl (U.S. Patent No. 5,936,625).

Claims 13-16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1, 5, 6, and 7. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, and Proehl for at least the reasons previously described. Further, the Examiner appears to have relied on Kahl only to disclose the features of claims 13-16 and not to overcome the above-described deficiencies of the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, and Proehl. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, and Kahl.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate

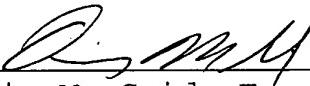
condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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